

FORD WILL SPEND MILLIONS ON GREATEST CANCER HOSPITAL IN THE WORLD

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Detroit, Mich., June 26.—Guess what Ford, the automobile millionaire, is going to tackle next.

He is going to fight cancer.

This is the newest thing in the medical world. I am telling you the news here for the first time.

Ford will spend millions and millions to carry out his own theory on the prevention of the terrible disease.

Three weeks ago Ford took over a large, unfinished hospital in Detroit, the promoters having failed to carry out their plan. It was supposed that he intended to finish the construction and equipment and make the institution simply a general hospital.

No word of his new plan and ideas had been made public until the conference between him and Judge Neil, the mothers' pension man, at which I was present.

"Employers who take millions of profit from the work of their employees try to square themselves with justice by giving money to hospitals," said Judge Neil. "That is merely the repair shop we referred to in our first talk. It does not produce anything."

Then Ford decided to announce his newest plan. Turning to John R. Lee, head of his sociological department, he said:

"We should tell about this plan right now," Lee, who is in charge of the details, acquiesced.

"Our hospital will not be a repair shop," declared Ford smiling. "It is to be a producer, as everything worth while must be. There are lots of hospitals to cure disease and to care for the wrecks. We are confident that we can prevent cancer. This enemy of men can be conquered and we have faith we can find a way."

"Cancer," declared Neil, "is the result of lowered vitality of body and mind."

"That is just the idea," replied the

automobile man. "I have reached the same conclusion. Intemperance is the cause of cancer, intemperance not only of drinking, but of eating and thinking. Intemperance in the mental processes is as dangerous as drinking. Fear is about the worst of all enemies, and it is mental. If men who have been intemperate can be shown how to be temperate, how to eat and how to think without fear, cancer will disappear."

"In our new hospital we expect to demonstrate some of these ideas. To me it seems simple and certain."

"I suppose you will hire experts to come and take charge of this hospital," said Neil.

"No," was the reply. "We expect to produce our own experts. We shall begin at the bottom and work with the plant until we educate ourselves and our own force of hospital men as we educated ourselves in the automobile shop."

Ford said he hoped the hospital would be ready to begin operations about September 1. It is situated in a block of twenty acres of ground. The administration, power and one-way buildings are completed. He paid all the debts, amounting to about \$400,000, and expects to spend \$2,000,000 in completing the plant. This does not include the equipment.

"I gave \$100,000 to the men who began this hospital on the old hospital plan," he said, "and was sorry afterward. I felt that it was a mistake. It was to be a repair shop. When their plans failed we took over the whole proposition and will try our way. Out of this hospital will come knowledge which will enable men and women to escape cancer."

"I have learned that one out of ten deaths in adult life is due to cancer," Neil added. "It attacks those who are weak from overwork, from hunger, from too much food and drink and from greed and from constant seek-